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SUBJECT: CISCO TWO: CURRENT ACTIONS

REF: (A) ADDIS 8753; (B) STATE 172511 (EXDIS NOTAL);
(C) STATE 171481; (D) ASMARA 626

1. EMBASSY PASSED MOFA'S AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GIST PARAS 1 AND 4 REF C. DIRECTOR REITERATED PERTINENT CURRENT EPMG'S VIEWS AS ORIGINALLY REPORTED IN ADDIS 8711, VIZ, EPMG DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WISH ARGUE U.S. TENURE AT KAGNEW IN THE PRESS AND WILL LEAVE MATTERS WHERE THEY NOW ARE UNLESS WE COMMENT FURTHER ON IT. IN THAT CASE, EPMG RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PUT ITS INTERPRETATION OF 1973 AGREEMENT INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD.

2. IN ABSENCE COMMISSIONER OF NATIONAL POLICE ACCOMPANYING PMAC CHAIRMAN IN LATTER'S ERITREAN TRAVELS, POL COUNSELOR SAW DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR CRIMINAL AFFAIRS COL. BERHAN AFTERNOON JULY 22 TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF STATEMENT (CF. REFS A AND B).

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COL. BERHAN WELCOMED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN STATEMENT

(INFORMAL COPY OF WHICH WAS LEFT WITH HIM) AND SAID THAT HIS SERVICES HAD PROVIDED POLICE HEADQUARTERS WITH SIMILAR INDICATIONS. BERHAN PROMISED THAT HE WOULD KEEP POLICE COMMISSIONER AND EMBASSY ABREST OF INFORMATION ON CASE AS IT DEVELOPED. HE SAID THAT EFFORTS ALREADY UNDERWAY WATCH POSSIBLE ROUTES INSURGENTS MIGHT BE TAKING TOWARDS TESSENEI AREA AND THESE WOULD BE CONTINUED WITH DUE REGRET FOR SAFETY OF PRISONERS.

3. MOFA'S AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR SIMILARLY INFORMED AND COPY OF STATEMENT ALSO LEFT WITH HIM. DIRECTOR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND STATED THAT HE HAD JUST BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ACTING FORMIN (MOFA PERMSEC GETACHEW KIBRET) WHO HAD SUGGESTED THAT EMBASSY INSTRUCT CONGEN ASMARA TO REMAIN IN CLOSEST TOUCH WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES. POL COUNSELOR SAID THAT CONGEN HAD BEEN SO INSTRUCTED AND WAS TRYING TO DO JUST THAT. HE HAD SEEN BG WORKU, COMMANDER SECOND DIVISION, IN ABSENCE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR WHO TRAVELING UPCOUNTRY WITH PMAC CHAIRMAN, AND ALSO STILL HOPED OBTAIN APPOINTMENT WITH LATTER. (CF REF D).

4. CASE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH SPECIAL BRANCH CHIEF ZAMENA. LATTER PROMISED KEEP EMBASSY CLOSELY INFORMED THROUGH LIAISON CHANNELS OF RELEVANT INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE TO HIM.

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